

My understanding of the law governing use of public airways for political purposes is (1) that political parties or individuals may *purchase* time to air ads promoting their cause and (2) that networks and/or individual stations and public affairs programs must present balance, i.e., if they interview a candidate or air a program about one candidate they must provide equal time for the other candidate.

What the Sinclair Broadcast Group is doing in instructing its local stations to air the anti-Kerry movie seems to be a violation of FCC regulations, and, I believe, is against federal election law. The Sinclair Group should be prohibited from airing the movie unless it pays for and advertises it as an pro-Bush advertisement. The Group should not be allowed to pressure its local stations and if it does, it should not have its license renewed.

Thank you.